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THE REPLY FILED 20 May 2002 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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a) The period for reply expires ____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: ____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) ____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: ____.

Claim(s) objected to: ____.

Claim(s) rejected: ____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: ____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 10. Other: _____. 

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant indicates in the request for reconsideration that claims 1 and 9 recite "generating a synthetic waveform for each of the N text sequences" and claim 15 recites "a waveform generator for generating a synthetic waveform for each of the N-text sequences". However, at page 3 of applicant's response to the First Office Action, applicant argues that Hab-Umbach et al does not disclose or suggest a method for rescore that comprises "generating a synthetic waveform for each of the N-best text sequences (using TTS)" or "generating synthetic waveforms for each of the N-best decoded sequences."

The Examiner contends that the specific features that applicant argues as not being taught by the prior art ("generating a synthetic waveform for each of the N-best text sequences (using TTS)" or "generating synthetic waveforms for each of the N-best decoded sequences"), is not the specific language of any of claims 1, 9 or 15.

Applicant argues that the preamble should be given patentable weight because the body of the claim depends on the preamble for completeness. The Examiner disagrees and argues that the preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. In this instance, the preamble of claim 1 indicates that the program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for rescore N-best hypotheses, clearly indicates the intended use of the program storage device. Similarly, the preamble of claim 9 indicates a method for rescore N-best hypotheses, clearly indicates the purpose of the method process.

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